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March 27, 2013

The Honorable Michael F. Brennan
Portland City Hall
389 Congress Street
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Re: Baxter Academy of Technology and Science

Dear Mayor Brennan:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 2013. I appreciate your deep concern for fiscal accountability and for the proper education for our students.

Your letter raises a number of issues regarding the Baxter Academy of Technology and Science and the viability of the Academy to operate as a public charter school for the 2013-14 school year. The Maine Charter School Commission has requested a number of documents from the Academy in order for the Commission to respond to these and other concerns. I am confident and hopeful that the Commission will take these allegations seriously and will thoughtfully consider them as the Commission reexamines its approval of the Baxter Academy charter application.

With regard to the specific requests contained in your letter, I do not believe I have the authority to "suspend contract negotiations" or to provide legal advice to the City of Portland regarding the procedures for appeals of Commission decisions; nor do I have reason to "request that students...be notified...that the school is under review" at this time.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".
Janet T. Mills
Attorney General